Arlington Central America Committee

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Who We Are

The Arlington Central America Committee is a rapidly growing network of town residents -- your friends and neighbors -- who oppose the Reagan Administration's war on Nicaragua and its reckless interventionism elsewhere in the region.

We believe that by educating ourselves and our neighbors, we can build strong local opposition to those policies and help support peaceful solutions to the Central American conflicts. We can help bring the United States back toward behavior we can be proud of.

DIDN'T I SEE YOU AT...?

We had an active 1986. Nearly every Saturday last spring, summer and fall, we set up a literature table outside the main post office. We met a lot of you there!

We marched in the Patriot's Day Parade and ran a booth at Town Day. We sponsored well-attended public events -- including a talk and slide show by two Arlington residents who worked in Nicaragua last summer, a talk by a journalist from El Salvador, a documentary film on the history of the U.S. in Latin America, and a play, "The Nation Thief." We've organized two 12-week study groups on Central America.

Under an Arlington banner, we've joined demonstrations against contra aid in Boston, including sit-ins at the JFK Federal Building and at the CIA office on Tremont Street. A few Arlingtonians chose to face arrest at these sit-ins (by remaining seated when ordered to move) to dramatize their opposition to the war.

We are affiliated with the Greater Boston Pledge of Resistance, part of a national network of over 75,000 citizens who have pledged to engage in, or to support, nonviolent action to resist a U.S. invasion of Nicaragua or other major escalation.

WE'RE GROWING!

We're planning an even busier 1987. This promises to be the crucial year -- either for halting U.S. sponsorship of the contras, or for sliding into a full-scale 1980's Vietnam.

This is our first newsletter; we're mailing it to the 647 people who have signed at our table. We hope to put on more public events in town, gain greater visibility, and give voice to the majority of Arlington residents who are outraged at President Reagan's war.

To do all this we really need your volunteer help and especially your ideas. Please come join us!